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SUBJECT: ECE: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY VIEWS ON SOVIET
CONGRESSES PROPOSAL

REF: A. GENEVA 1607 B. EC BRUSSELS 2282

1. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES ADVANCE NOTICE OF
EC THINKING CONTAINED IN UK DRAFT LETTER, TRANSMITTED
REF A. AND BEING REPEATED TO USEC AND USNATO WITH
REQUEST THAT USG POSSESSION OF TEXT BE CLOSELY HELD.
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2. AS MISSION WILL HAVE NOTED FROM REF B, EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS DECIDED MARCH 8 TO DEFER UNTIL APRIL 5
COUNCIL MEETING CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT LETTER TO STANOVNIK
ON SOVIET CONGRESSES INITIATIVE. WE ARE FRANKLY CONCERNED
THAT EC IS MOVING WELL OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER WESTERN
COUNTRIES ON RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV PROPOSAL, THE MORE

SO SINCE EC COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ALSO NATO MEMBERS GAVE NO PRIOR INDICATION IN LATTER FORUM THAT NINE WERE PREPARING TO MOVE AHEAD SO FUNDAMENTALLY ON THIS ISSUE. AS MISSION AWARE, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT NATO, AS IN THE PAST, MUST SERVE AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AMONG THE ALLIES ON CSCE-RELATED ISSUES. OUTCOME OF MARCH 8 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, FORTUNATELY, WILL

ENABLE US AND OTHER ALLIES TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE FULLY (AT MARCH 21 ECONADS BASKET II MEETING), PRIOR TO EC REACHING FINAL DECISION ON MATTER.

3. MISSION MAY INFORM ALEXANDER THAT US HAD NOT PLANNED TO RESPOND TO STANOVNIK ON SOVIET PROPOSAL. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT MOST OTHER ALLIES WERE SIMILARLY DISINCLINED TO SEND FORMAL LETTER TO STANOVNIK. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THIS ISSUE TO BE THOROUGHLY AIRED AT BASKET II MEETING.

4. OUR STRATEGY ON DEALING WITH CONGRESSES PROBLEM AT ECE 32ND SESSION TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL. MISSION WILL NOTE IT DIFFERS IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT RESPECTS FROM EC POSITION DESCRIBED REF. A.

5. SWARTZ LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSING MATTER WITH SPRINGER, PAPENDORP, AND REAMS DURING UPCOMING BRUSSELS VISIT.
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